THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The boundary between Assam Naga and stands defined in the State of Negaland Act, 1962. However, Nagaland Government have been claiming about 5000 square miles of adjoining areas of Assam on the ground that these were traditionally Naga areas wrongfully taken out of the erstwhile Naga Hills District by the former British Government by a notification issued in 1925.

(b) The Government are of the view that such disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end, the Central Government will extend all assistance to them.

Five-day week in Central Government Offices

307. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the five-day-week system after its implementation in ministries/departments/administrative offices of the Central Government, if so, what are the details regarding attendance of the officers and the employees;

(b) the extent to which efficiency has been improved through this system; and

(c) whether the switch over to five-day-week system has caused difficulties to general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The scheme has been introduced very recently. A meaningful evaluation as for example, saving in fuel, transport, electricity etc., and increase in efficiency, would be possible only after some time. Results of surprise checks by the Ministries/Departments just after the introduction of the 5-day week show that attendance has been satisfactory.

(c) The 5-day week scheme has been introduced only in the administrative offices and not operational offices. No instance of difficulties to the general public has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

Reconstitution of National Integration Council

308. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to reconstitute the National Integration Council;

(b) if so, the composition of the new Council; and

(c) by when it is likely to hold its first meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The matter is receiving attention.

Liberalisation of Visa-Policy for Non-Resident Indians

309. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have liberalised the visa policy for the non-resident Indian tourists;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such a decision; and

(c) the details of the concession given and restrictions relaxed for the NRI tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) With a view to promote tourism, it has been decided that tourists visas may be made good for multiple entries instead of the existing three entries. Children of foreign nationals of Indian origin below 12 years have been exempted from visa requirement and are legible for grant of non-extendable landing permit for 90 days. These permits are issued by Immigration authorities and are not valid for admission into educational institutions.

Development of Delhi and other Metropolitan Cities

310. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money sanctioned for the development of Delhi during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans respectively; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for the development of other metropolitan cities for the above periods, city-wise separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Outlays for Metropolitan cities are not fixed separately. Funds for development of these cities flow from various heads of development of Central as well as respective States/ UT Plans. It is therefore, not possible to segregate the amount provided for development of these cities during the Sixth Plan and the Seventh Plan.

Introduction of Winter Sports to promote Tourism

311. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce winter sports to promote tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to provide appropriate facilities for winter sports in the country, the Government of India has established the Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering at Gulmarg. This Institute organises snow skiing courses in Gulmarg (J&K), Narkanda (H.P.) and Auli (U.P.) in winter months and water skiing courses at different places in summer months.

Regional Passport Office in Gujarat

312. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that passports are not being issued in time even by the Regional passport office in Gujarat particularly in Ahmedabad through applications are made two to three months in advance; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes Sir, there has been some dislocation of rate because of the disturbed situation in that State.

(b) Under the Passport Act, 1967 Passport Issuing Authority has to make enquiries regarding eligibility of the applicant for a passport. These enquiries are in the interest of security of the nation and therefore, unavoidable. The Government of India, therefore issued instructions in December, 1984 not to issue passport in general cases unless and until identity verification reports from the District police authorities and security verification reports from State CID authorities were obtained. The delay involved, therefore is inevita-